

January 21, 1975

Mrs. James King
310 East St.
Hume, Ill. 61932

Dear Mrs. King:

Since I wrote you last, I found that we have a book on the Bowmans, by John W. Wayland. I am sure that you would be interested in it, but it cannot go out of the library. Perhaps some day you can get back here to see it. I shall xerox a couple of pages for you. In it it says that Major Joseph Bowman died a bachelor. A copy of his will shows that he left all of his possessions to his brothers and sisters. So you must be on the wrong track there. But there does seem to be a connection with the Henry family. The Tennessee Historical Quarterly which just came (Winter 1974) contains an article on John Fouche Henry, who was born near Louisville, Blount County, Tennessee, the son of Samuel and Elizabeth Henry. He married Sarah Maria Bryan. In the book on the Bowman family, on page 172, it is stated that Sarah Henry, who was born Sept 8, 1757, married 1st David Bryan, and second, Abram Bowman (Col. Abram Bowman 1739-1847). He was the son of George Bowman and Mary Hight, and the brother of Major Joseph Bowman(b. 1752) At any rate, perhaps you will get some help from some of the pages I have copied for you.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth R. Merrill
Local History Division.

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of John Syme)

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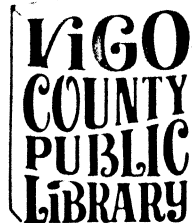
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among their sons was
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January 14, 1975

Mrs. James King
310 East St.
Hume, Ill.
61932

Dear Mrs. King:

I do not remember whether I send you a copy of the Lineage of Mrs. Sanford, from the DAR Lineage Book Vol 128, p282. The number is 127885. If her record is correct, her ancestor was John Henry, who was born in 1758, and died in 1823. I do not know how she proved this, but he was said to have married Sarah Bowman in 1780, and she died in 1820. I shall send you a copy of it, and a copy of a page of RECORDS OF MARRIAGES IN FAYETTE COUNTY KENTUCKY, which shows the marriage of Elijah Henry and Lorena Alexander. You will notice a difference in the date of the marriage from the DAR Record. I might point out that some of the old lineages are no longer accepted as accurate by the DAR. There is a John Henry listed in the Patriot Index of the DAR, who was born in 1758 and died in 1823, and whose wife was Sarah, which is probably the one you refer to. Did you try writing to Fayette County, Kentucky? If Elijah and Lorena were married there, there might be some information about his parents there. There were so many John Henrys in Kentucky and Virginia, it would be hard to prove which one was your ancestor.

I am only in the library two days a week, so will not be able to have time to help you further with your research. You really should find a will to prove the relationship of Elijah and John. You might write to the DAR and ask for a photocopy of Mrs. Sanford's application paper. It should show the sources of her information. I am sorry not to be able to help you further.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth R. Merrill
Local History Division.

Hume, Ill
Dec 22, 1974

Dear Mrs. Merrill;

I received some data on the Henry line from you some time ago and it listed a John Henry, (uncertain that he died here). A revolutionary soldier living in Indiana in 1822. Ref "Pa. Arch." 2nd. Ser, v. 13, p. 99

I have his war record sent to me from National DAR office in Washington, D.C. and I had the Danville, Ill Library borrow the book that was English's Conquest of the country Northwest of the Ohio Vol 2, p. 845.

It listed John Henry, as a private in a Va Regiment under Col. Rogers Clark and Major Joseph Bouman. And allotted land in Clark's Grant, sometimes called Illinois Grant for his services. The Illinois Grant given him was 8 acres in 154 and 100 acres in B-13 this land being in Clark co. Indiana and in the possession of the family until 1880.

I also found the name of John Henry, wife Sarah Bouman as head of families in Va. 1785, Congressional Library ~~xxx~~. page 91.

I have zerox copies of both parcels of land and a page showing his name as having served in the Rev. and the N.W. Conquest.

I have copies of 4 generations of Patrick Henry and each generation shows a Patrick so if we could find out the parents of John Henry, I think possibly we could either show he was from Patrick Henry's line or not but the Historical book of Effingham county and the family all have been lead to believe that there is a connection.

I am helping a cousin collect data for her book on the Funkhouser, Neuman, Henry line, the Neuman and Henry line were my late Husband's ancestors.

I wondered if I could hire you to do this searching for me since I am not able to go to Indianapolis and see and feel that possibly you might have connections and records that might help us.

The original Clark county was divided into Scott and Floyd counties as an older county Atlas would show.

I have all of the papers and if you could do this and give me an idea of the cost, I could send you all of my papers to show and that you could use in tracing the line.

I would appreciate hearing from you concerning this.

sincerely,

Hilda King

Mrs. James King.

310 East st.

Hume, Ill

61932

(va)

John Henry 1777 Fauquier Rental
Register Ky Hist Soc Vol 54. p 79

P215
Register Vol 42
Lincoln Co. James House
John Henry Will Aug 19 1783 Hugh Henry Exr



August 6, 1974

Mrs. James King
310 East St.
Hume, Ill.
61932

Dear Mrs. King:

I am still puzzled about your John Henry. In the Roster of Soldiers and Patriots born in Indiana, Supplement, by Waters, I found a couple of lines. They refer to the Pennsylvania Archives, second series. This is in the Indiana State Library, Genealogy division, 140 N. Senate Ave., Indianapolis, 46204. We have the 8th series only. If you will write to them, perhaps they can help you. If I find anything further, I shall let you know.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth R. Merrill
Local History Division.

Home, Ill
July 31, 1974

Dear Mrs. Merrill;

A couple of weeks ago I was in the Library and talked to a lady there who said you were only in the Library in Reference dept. 2 days a week.

I am helping collect material for a book to be written on the Funkhouser line. A cousin Mrs. Albert Funkhouser Wilson, who lives in Alton, Ill.

I was in the Danville, Ill Public Library and they had a DAR Index which listed John Henry b. 1758, d. 1823, married Sarah Bouman, b. 1860, married in Norfolk Va. 1780, both were supposed to have died in Clark co. Indiana, John, died 1823, Sarah in 1820.

My first husband was Dr. Taylor Wilson Funkhouser, who was born at Mattoon, Ill. after World War 1 he practiced medicine in Danville, Ill, until his death in 1940. Dr. and I had 2 daughters and it for their sake that I am helping with the data.

Taylor Funkhouser was the son of Charles Brunk and Elizabeth Chaney Funkhouser, who lived s. of Mattoon, Ill. in the country.

Charles Brunk Funkhouser was the son of John Funkhouser and Mary Henry, the daughter of Elijah and Lorana Alexander Henry, who had been married in Fayette co. Ky but moved to Mason, Ill and Elijah and his son Aaron Henry founded the little town of Mason, Ill and both are buried there.

Wilson Lee's wife Mary Henry Funkhouser died in 1857 when Charles Brunk was 1 yr. old and Wilson remarried in a year or so to a widow Mrs. Susanna Hackley who also had children and Wilson Lee and Susanna Hackley Funkhouser had 1 son Alonza.

Elijah Henry was the son of John Henry, who fought in a Virginia Regiment under Col Geo Rogers Clark and Major Bouman, it is said that Sarah was the daughter of Major Bouman but I have found out from the Book Vol 2, page 845 about English's Conquest of the country Northwest of the Ohio.

The Danville Library had a book with a partial list of the Soldiers and Patriots of the Rev. War buried in Indiana, but the lady at the Reference dept. suggested a larger Library might have a supplement to the Roster as it was only a partial list in the Danville Library book.

In the Federal census it shows 3 John Henry's, one from Jefferson, Wabash and Lawrence co. Ind.

I am a member of Madam Rachel Edgar Chapter of DAR, of Paris, Ill. and I sent to the Register General in Washington and got a copy of John Henry's papers who did serve in the Revolutionary War. and did serve in the N.W. Conquest as a private as listed English's book as serving and of being allotted 108 acres, of land for his service.

The lady whose paper I got a copy of went in on John Henry, Mrs. Laura Sedik, a teacher who lives in Alton, Ill and belongs to Sauk Trail Chapter, of Chicago Heights. I have written to her on numerous times and sent a check for \$10 and ask for the names of John Henry's parents and she ignores me and so far has not cashed the check. Her N. E.ional # 530536.

She also mentions as persons using the same name, John Henry as # 543292, 282075,

have 127885.

In Danville, Ill Library in the book on DAR is shows a Mrs. W. R. Bonner, 61821 S. Lyon Michigan, who compiled the papers for Mrs. Mariam Buckner Safford, wife

James R. Sanford M.D.

Mrs. Bonner used the National DAR # 127885. and states on the last line, John Henry 1758-1823, served as a private under Col. Geo Rogers Clark, Va. Regiment She says born in Va. died in Clarke Co. Va.

I wrote to her and she said she had done some research on the Henry line but her daughter had a book she published on the Henry line and I offered to buy a copy and I sent her a copy of the DAR papers that Mrs. Laura Sedik had sent me her number stated above on the other page.

Elijah and his wife Lorana had a son Aaron and he had a daughter, Lorana who married a Buckner. And I believe Mrs. Sanford might be from that line. As one son of Elijah Henry is on Laura Sedik's record as a Sanford Henryb. 1820 Ky, d. ca 1862 at Effingham, Ill. and Mason, Ill is in Effingham county, Ill. as I was also born in Effingham county as was my father and my grandfather.

I bought 2 Effingham History books, one "Effingham county, past and present" compiled and published by the Effingham Historical Soc. and it states that Elijah Henry is from Patrick Henry Line. So far we have not been able to find out the parents of John Henry, father of Elijah Henry who was the soldier in the Rev. War. John Henry was born Va. 1758, place of residence during the Rev. War. Ports outy Norfolk Co. Va. But when I wrote to the above, Norfolk co. is now another co. and no record available nor is there a record of any one by that name listed in Jeffersonville, Ind. court house and no trace of a land allotment to him. Also Laura Sedike states on the DAR papers the land was in the family until 1880.

The other Effingham history book was put out in 1972 but deals mostly with the county as of today.

I did not mean to have a long letter but I had to point some things so that you would know what I am trying to find out.

I would be very glad to pay you if you could help us in this matter, 1st. if John Henry is buried in Clark. Co. Ind. I looked and it is not Clark Co. Ill. and Clark Co. Va. is a long way from where John Henry was supposed to have lived in later years in Ky, and Indiana.

Then I would like to know if possible the name of his parents. We have done a good deal of searching on Patrick Henry and have copies of several generations and each has a Patrick Henry, but if we knew the name of John Henry, on our line, we might be able to trace it to some member of Patrick's family.

We have been able to connect to General Robt. E. Lee as an ancestor.

The girl who is writing the book has worked 10 years on it. she however is not of the Henry line but her ancestor was a brother to my husband's ancestor John Funkhouser whose son Wilson Lee married Mary Henry.

May I hear from you concerning this and if you will help us, let me know the cost of the searching. I am arthritic and not able to go to Indiana to see for myself about Clark Co. I am wondering if it could be near Clarksville where Col. Clark lived after he retired from service.

sincerely,

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Hume, Ill.
61932

Whittier, Calif. 90603.
14408-E. Anaconda Street
February 17, 1978

The County or City Public Library

Terre Haute, Indiana , 47801.

Librarian;

Dear Librarian;

I seek information on the Heirs of one William (Billy) Bowman of your fair City. Mr. Bowman possible Grandson of Robert M. Bowman and Elizabeth (Betty) Black Bowman. Robert M. and Betty Bowman were from Smith County, Tennessee, both were active in Civil Affairs at the County Seat in Carthage, Tennessee, and are believed to have moved to Muhlenberg County, Kentucky before one eight seventy-two.

William believed born in early nineteen hundreds, educated in Kentucky, becoming a school master and wedding a teacher of Terre Haute, Indiana, settling there and raising a family, believed to have been at least three sons.

William Bowman's Grandmother Elizabeth Black Bowman and my Grandmother Mary Webster Black Bradley were Sisters.

The reason for this search ; my own family tree. I look with interest hearing from you with any information you may wish to provide, or any individual, genealogist or Genealogical Society that may wish to aid me in my search .

Sincerely

Walter L. Bradley
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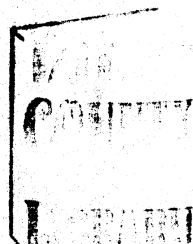
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Bowman, Tim H. Waiter, h 2207 1st
1907 " " Woodworker, b 1317 5

Wm H. Minstrel h 2207 1

1912-13 " " actor b 2167 1

1915-16 not in



February 22, 1978

Walter L. Bradley
14408 E. Anaconda St.
Whittier, Calif. 90603

Dear Mr. Bradley:

I have been unable to find your William Bowman in our directories, but am sending copies of pages from some of them in hopes that you might find a relative.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth R. Merrill
Elizabeth R. Merrill
Local History Division

THE LINEAGE OF MAJOR JOSEPH BOWMAN OF VINCENNES FAME

BY SAMUEL S. BREWER
JUNE 4, 1942
SULLIVAN TIMES

The Bowman family had its origin in the City of Boumont, France, where for centuries they were known under the name of De Boumont. James Bowman, the father of Major Joseph Bowman, was a grandson of the immigrant ancestor, Joseph De Boumont, who first settled on Staten Island, in New York Harbor. Here Joseph De Boumont became the founder of a large family of children. James Bowman, grandson of Joseph De Boumont and father of Major Joseph Bowman, was born at Cherry Valley, Bergen County, New Jersey, near Hackensack, in about 1730. He married in about 1755, Sarah De Reinert Van Hengel (Rynearson), and shortly thereafter migrated from New Jersey to the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia, where he settled in Frederick County. His son, Joseph Bowman, late to become known as Major Joseph Bowman, was born in Frederick County, Virginia, in 1758. Sarah Bowman, his sister, was also born there in 1768.

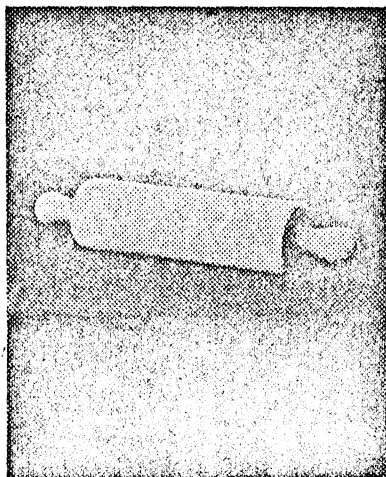
Major Joseph Bowman died at the age of 21 years, at Fort Sackville, Vincennes, in 1779, unmarried, and is buried in the Old French or Cathedral cemetery at Vincennes, as related in last week's article in the Sullivan Union.

Sarah Bowman, his sister, born in 1768, being 11 years old at the time of her brother Joseph's death in 1779. She married in Nelson county, Kentucky, in 1793, Richard Dodd, who was also born in Frederick County, Virginia, in 1774. They lived in Nelson County, Kentucky, until 1812, when they removed to the Busseron Settlement, in northern Knox County, where they located on what is now known as Gill's Prairie, in the present Gill Township, Sullivan County, Indiana, where they continued to live until about 1822, when they removed to the Town of Merom, then the county seat of Sullivan County, Indiana. In about 1823 they removed from Merom to Curry's Prairie, in Curry township, this county, and later settled at Dodd Bridge Turman township, where her husband, Richard Dodd, died in 1858, at the age of 84 years. Sarah (Bowman) Dodd, his widow, died at the same place in 1873, at the age of 105 years. Both are buried at the Johnson cemetery in Turman township, about one and one-half miles northeast of the present town of Graysville. (Here refer to Dodd Lineage as published in the Sullivan Union under date of December 28th, 1938).

The lineage of Sarah De Reinert Van Hengel (Rynearson), the mother of Major Joseph Bowman and of Sarah (Bowman) Dodd, is a very interesting one. Her father was Cap-

tain Jacques De Reinert Van Hengel (later known as Rynearson), who was born in France, from which country he first migrated to the town of Hengel in the Province of Gelderland, Holland, and from there to England, where he became a Captain of a ship in the British Navy and as such was sent with his ship to Constantinople, Turkey. Here he married a lady of high standing with Turkish blood in her veins. Later he was transferred to New York Harbor, during the early French Colonial wars. Afterwards he resigned from the service and settled at Staten Island with his wife and young family. From Staten Island he removed to Bergen County, New Jersey, where his daughter, Sarah De Reinert, married James Bowman, in 1755, as above shown.

Captain Jacques De Reinert Van Hengel (Rynearson) died in New Jersey, and his widow, long known as the "widow Van Hengel (Rynearson)", many years afterwards, died at the ripe age of 106 years. Upon her first arrival in this country with her husband, Captain Jacques De Reinert Van Hengel, she was acclaimed to be the most beautiful woman in the district surrounding New York Harbor. She was the grandmother of Major Joseph Bowman, who died in the service of his country at Fort Sackville, Vincennes, in 1779, at the age of 21 years; and of Sarah (Bowman) Dodd, who died in Sullivan County, Indiana, about 35 miles due north of Vincennes, in 1873, at the age of 105 years.



The above is a photograph of the original Pastry Rolling Pin used by Sarah (Bowman) Dodd, the sister of Major Joseph Bowman and wife of Richard Dodd. It is made of brown sugar tree wood and is now 207 years old (1942). It is 17 inches long from tip to tip of handles. The rolling part is 11 inches long and 3½ inches in diameter. It was made by hand

in the French settlement at Cherry Valley, Bergen County, New Jersey, near Hackensack, in 1735, for the mother of Major Joseph Bowman and Sarah (Bowman) Dodd, Sarah De Reinert Van Hengel, when she was a little girl living with her parents, Captain Jacques De Reinert Van Hengel and her Turkish mother. From New Jersey it was taken to Frederick County, Virginia, then to Nelson County, Kentucky, in 1793, and from there to Sullivan County, Indiana, in 1812, where it has been in Gill and Turman townships, this county, ever since, or for the last 130 years.

In addition to the rolling pin being used by his mother to roll out dough to make bread for Major Joseph Bowman, when he was a boy in Frederick County, Virginia, it since has been used for a like purpose for a great many notable men of the past, among a few of whom were Governor Isaac Shelby, of Kentucky; Andrew Jackson, afterward President; Zachary Taylor, afterward President; John C. Breckenridge and Richard M. Johnson, both from Kentucky and both afterward Vice-Presidents; Governor Ninian Edwards of Illinois; William Henry Harrison, afterward President; Colonel William Russell of Kentucky; General Samuel Hopkins of Kentucky; Jefferson Davis, afterward President of the Southern Confederacy; Lieut. Albert Sidney Johnston, later a famous General of the Confederate Army; Henry Clay, Lewis Cass and Colonel Edward Baker, then living in Illinois and later U. S. Senator from the state of Oregon, and killed at the battle of Ball's Bluff during the Civil War; Gov. Jonathan Jennings of Indiana; and U. S. Senator Daniel W. Voorhees.

The rolling pin is still in a perfect state of preservation.

SHELBURN MAN PASSES

Harry Abe Stevenson, 65 years old, died early Tuesday morning at the home of Mrs. Violet Cash in Shelburn, where he made his home. The funeral was held at the McHugh funeral home in Shelburn, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with interment in Highland Lawn cemetery at Terre Haute.

Surviving are three brothers, Harold, George and Thomas Stevenson, and five sisters, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. H. A. Boling, Mrs. Joseph Finley, Mrs. Grace Cummins and Mrs. Samuel Bradshaw.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Raymond Nixon, farmer, and Anabel Wright, both of near Sullivan.

NEW SUITS

Imogene Bonham vs. Bernard Bonham. Divorce and custody.

Lambert J. Lloyd vs. Ross Drilling Co., C. R. Ross, et al. For money during garnishment.

New Home Furnishing Co., Inc. vs. Russell C. Spencer. On account.

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Bowman Family

Genealogy Sources

Questions, Commentary by the Genealogy Staff

Send question on sources to this column, P. O. Box 99, Knightstown, IN 46148. Note—We can't do research on a family but will try to suggest new approaches to problems at no charge.

BOWMANS FROM GERMANY

Q. Jacob Bauman (Bowman) was born in Germany in 1752 and arrived in America in 1772, according to the histories of Stark Co., Oh. and the "Compendium of American Genealogy." He served in the Revolutionary War and married Susanna Leffinger (1758-1827). He died in 1829 and he and his wife are buried in Hebe, Pa., (Northumberland Co.) the Lutheran Reformed Church. His will, on file at Sunbury, Pa., clearly names his children, all named Bowman. The tombstone inscription indicates Susanna's maiden name was Bruch and not Leffinger. How do I find the ship Jacob sailed on, if he was ever naturalized, and if he actually served in the Revolutionary War? How would I find Susanna's first husband and if she had any children? I have searched in vain for these answers. M.B., Columbia, City, In.

A. We suggest you consult the *Pennsylvania Archives Series* if you have not already done so. The *Second Series, Vol. II*, contains among other items some persons naturalized, as well as marriage records, and some ship registers. Vols. X and XI contain Revolutionary War Muster Rolls and Pennsylvania Pensioners, etc., and Vol. XIII has an alphabetical list of soldiers in the Rev. War. The third series also has helpful genealogical information: Strassburger's *Pennsylvania German Pioneers* lists a Jacob Bauman many times but in each instance this appears to be too early an arrival, for your Jacob. We have not checked Rupp's *Collection of Upwards of 30,000 Names of German, Swiss, Dutch, French and Other Immigrants in Pennsylvania from 1727 to 1776*. The Genealogical Society has filmed Lutheran Church Records 1803-1880 for Northumberland County. We assume you have checked in that county for naturalization records. There is a WPA series of 11 volumes, which are indexed, "Naturalization Records: Index to Records of Aliens Declaration of Intention and/or Oaths of Allegiance 1789-1886 in U.S. Circuit Court, U.S. District Court, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, Quarter Sessions, Court, Court of Common Pleas". These give names, dates, and former country. —m.s.

TRANSYLVANIA UNIVERSITY

Q. I am seeking the parents and birthplace of Absalom Donahoe, born 1827. I have been told his father was Dean in a Baptist college and came from Illinois to Kentucky to teach at Transylvania University, Lexington, Ky. 1789-1830. Where would records of this institution be located and where could I write to find any information about this Mr. Donahoe? Absalom changed the spelling of his name when moving from Kentucky. Mrs. D.S.M., West Lebanon, N.H.

A. Transylvania University is the oldest college west of the Allegheny Mountains, having been chartered in 1780. The Library there has some old and rare books. We checked with them recently on old records of their faculty. The *Lib. Genealogy & Local History 50*

brarian suggested you contact them and they will try to help with information on Mr. Donahoe, as they have early faculty records at the Library and will be glad to assist you. —m.s.

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THE BOWMAN FAMILY

The earliest known member of this family is William Bowman and his wife, Susanna (Hines) Bowman. He died May 31, 1849 aged 100 years two months and five days. They had a son, William.

William Bowman, son of the first William and Susanna (Hines) Bowman, was born December 22, 1776. He lived in Amherst, Hadley, Deerfield and Shutesbury before removing to Sunderland about 1825. His children were all born before he arrived in Sunderland. He married August 18, 1804, Tirzah, daughter of Caleb and Tryphena (Montague) Hubbard. He died August 5, 1866; his wife had died July 13, 1860.

Children:

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| 1. Tryphena Montague | b. Dec. 23, 1804 |
| 2. Mary | Dec. 21, 1806; m. William Hunt |
| 3. Caleb Hubbard | March 30, 1800 |
| 4. Julia | July 31, 1811; m. Ansel Delano |
| 5. Creusa March | Aug. 25, 1813 |
| 6. Clarissa | Oct. 31, 1815 |
| 7. Betsey Vanuevar | Apr. 1, 1818; m. Calvin Spence |
| 8. Tirzah Almira | May 9, 1821; m. Robert S. Ferry |

Children:

George Bowman Ferry, m. Cora F. Philips; is an architect of Milwaukee, Wis.

William Francis Ferry; d. at Denver, Colo.

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| 9. William Francis | May 1, 1824 |
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See THE HUNT FAMILY sketch for further record of William and Mary (Bowman) Hunt.

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| 7. Betsey Vanuevar | Apr. 1, 1818; m. Calvin Spencer |
| 8. Tirzah Almira | May 9, 1821; m. Robert S. Ferry |

Children:

George Bowman Ferry, m. Cora F. Philips; is an architect of Milwaukee, Wis.

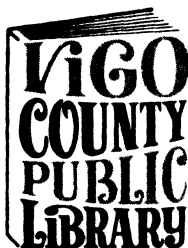
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Susan Berglund
Bowman ND 58623

March 26, 1987

The information I have found on Henry Bowman is more confusing than not. I am beginning to wonder if there were two Henrys in Vigo county.

We have indexed the 1870 Vigo county census, and I found a Henry and a Jacob Bowman living near each other in Otter Creek township. Henry had a wife named Elizabeth so I thought I had found the right man. The listings are as follows: Otter Creek Township, Vigo County, Ind. July 27, 1870 p270

#97-103 Bowman, Henry--42--M--W--Laborer--\$350 Personal--b. OH
 " Elizabeth 39--F--W--Keeping House--b. Penn.
 " Mary 19--F--W--At Home--b. Ind.
 " Jeremiah 15--M--W--At Home " At School
 " Mandy 13--F--W-- " " " "
 " Lida 10--F--W " " " "
 " William 8--M--W " " " "

20 July 1870, p. 264

#7-8 Bowman, Jacob--40--M--W--Farmer--\$1520 Personal--b. Ind.
 " Mary 42 F W Keeping House--b. Penn.
 " Florence--15--F--W--At Home--b. Ind.--At School
 " Aron 13--F--W--At Home " " "
 " Benjamin--10--M--W--At Home " " "
 " Garrett 8--M--W--At Home " " "
 " William 6--M--W " " " "
 " John 2--M--W " " " "

However, judging from the birthplaces of the children, these Bowmans had been in Indiana longer than your family.

I also checked the Soundex to the 1880 Indiana census and found your Henry in Clay county. Here is the listing: Perry Township, Clay County, Ind. 9 & 10 June 1880 p. 555B E.D. 239, Sheet 14, Line 1

#116-118 Bowman, Henry--52--M--W--Farmer--b. PA, Father PA, Mother PA
 " Sarah E. 44--F--W--Keeping House--OH--PA--NJ
 " Harriet E. 15--F--W--At Home--School--OH--PA--OH
 " John S. 13--M--W--Son " " " "
 " Charles H. 11--M--W--" " " " "
 " Isaac L. 5--M--W--Son IN--PA--OH

Even though the ages of these two Henrys match up and the wives are both named Elizabeth, the names of the children do not match. Apparently there were two men.

I also checked the various grantor and grantee indexes to the Vigo county deeds.

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On 27 Sept. 1873 Henry Bowman, of Vigo county, bought from Louisa and Christian Oelgart, also of Vigo county, part of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 14, T. 12 N., R. 9 W., amounting to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres, for \$2500. The deed was received for recording on Sept. 29 and recorded on Sept. 30. On 3 Jan. 1878 Henry Bowman and Elizabeth, his wife, both of Vigo county, sold this same 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres to Gottlieb Reiss for \$1535. The deed was received for recording Feb. 5 and recorded Feb. 7. This deed also contains the statement that the buyer "assumes the payment of a judgement of the Vigo Circuit Court for Thirteen Hundred and Thirty-five dollars and Eighty-five Cents in favor of one William Schmidt and against the grantor Henry Bowman rendered at the November Term 1877 of said court the same to be paid as the balance of the purchase money in full of said real estate." I wonder what sort of a judgement this was?

Section 14, Township 12 North, Range 6 West, is now part of the city of Terre Haute, but in the 1874 Vigo county atlas it was part of Harrison township. The map shows that the south half of section 14 was divided into lots as if the city was about to expand in that direction. A more detailed map shows Carpenter's Subdivision and Patrick's Subdivision in section 14. This is now between north 19th and 25th streets.

Now I am wondering if there were two Henrys and if the one who died in 1893 and was buried in Hull Cemetery was the one who was in Otter Creek township in 1870. I also wonder which one bought and then sold the land in section 14 and whether your Henry went to Clay county and then came back to Vigo or whether he stayed in Clay county.

Nancy Sherrill



Genealogy Librarian

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Nancy,
If you want, I'd accept a collect call!
1-701- 523- 5728.

1889-10-31
65-6-19
1824-4-12

3-16-87

Bowman, ND.
58623

Vigo Co Public Library
One Library Square
Terre Haute, In. 47807

Dear Nancy Sherrill, Genealogy Librarian,

I am writing to you, Nancy, since
you helped me in June of 1986. I
have come to a complete dead-end
on my relative Henry Bowman. Can
you help me? I have the following

information: BOWMAN, Henry. DO NOT CIRCULATE
b. 12 Feb, 1828

p.b. (possibly Penn.?)
Sarah Elizabeth Siler McCollm. 24 Mar. 1864, Miami Co., Oh.
(this is verified)

no d. certificate d. 31 Oct 1893

but obit in T.H. Express
p.d. Terre Haute, Ind. ?

Vernon Taylor, sexton buried in Hull Cemetery (tombstone found)
no will in probate ct.

His first 3 children were born in
Oh., but his last child, Isaac Lawrence
Bowman was born in Ind, Vigo Co. 9 Jan, 1873.
Somewhere between 1870-1873 Henry

! had talked to Thomas & E. from May 1870 - 1872 - 1873 - 1874

moved his family to Terre Haute.

1870 Census ① Could you check a census
under p 270
+ Jacob on for me to find out when they
p 264

arrived + with which children? When
did the children leave?

② Is there a "gazetteer" or
directory of the time between 1870?

to 1893 that I might find Henry's
occupation? His older son, Charles E

Bowman, was a cooper. Would he
have learned this from his father?

Could that be found in a "gazetteer"?

③ Can't you think of any other
place to check?

I will gladly pay for copies
for your help!

Sincerely,

Susan Bowman Berglund

Otter Creek Twp, Vigo Co. Ind 27 July 1870 p 270

97-103 Bousman, Henry - 42 - M - W - Laborer \$350 - Personal Ok
 " Elizabeth 39 F W Keeping House - Pennsylvania
 " Mary 19 F W at Home - Indiana
 " Jeremiah 15 M W " " " attended school
 " Mandy 13 F W " " "
 " Lida 10 F W " " "
 " William 8 M W " " "

Otter Creek Twp, Vigo Co. Ind. 20 July 1870 p 264

7-8 Bousman, Jacob - 40 - M - W - Farmer \$1520 Personal - Indiana
 " Mary 42 F W Keeping House Pennsylvania
 " Florence 15 F W at Home Ind - attended school
 " Aaron 13 F W " " "
 " Benjamin 10 M W " " "
 " Garrett 8 M W " " "
 " William 6 M W " "
 " John 2 M W "

1880 Census Clay Co. ED 239 Sheet 14 line 1, Perry Twp,
 Clay Co. Ind. 9+10 June 1880 p 555B

116-118 Bousman, Henry - M - W - 52 - Farmer - PA - PA - PA
 " Sarah E - F - W 44 Keeping House OH - PA - 17(?)
 " Harriet E. F - W - 15 Daughter - at home - attended school
 " John S. M - W - 13 Son - LAH - PA - OH
 laborer - at school OH - PA - OH

Bourman, Charles H. W-M-11 - Son - Laborer - At School

OH-PA-OH

Isaac J. - W-M-5 - Son 9N-PA-OH

Deed Index vol 10 Grantee Sept 1872 - May 1877

Bourman, Henry (grantee) Luis + Christian Oelgart(?) grantors
Received for Record 1873 - Sept - 29 - 11 (hour) Date of
Deed Sept 27, 1873 - Part of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 14 T12N R9W
2.50 acres @ 2500 - Recorded Sept 30, 1873, Warranty Deed
vol 45 p 402

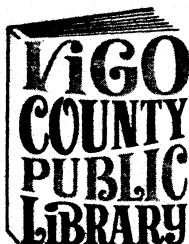
Both parties of Vigo Co.

Grantor Index v 11 May 1877 - April 1880

Bourman, Henry, Grantor Gottlieb Reiss Grantee 1878 Feb 5
Hour 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ Date of deed Jan 3, 1878 - 9m SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 14
T12N R9W 2.50 acres @ 1535.00 Recorded Feb 7, 1878
Warranty Deed vol 51 p 578

Henry Bourman + Elizabeth Bourman his wife of Vigo Co.

Grantee assumes the payment of a judgement of the Vigo
Circuit Court for Thirteen Hundred and Thirty-five
dollars and Eighty-five Cents in favor of one William
Schmidt and against the grantor Henry Bourman
rendered at the November Term 1877 of said court
the same to be paid as the balance of the purchase
money in full of said real estate



Susan Berglund
Bowman, ND 58623

September 29, 1987

Nancy Sherrill gave me your letter and wanted me to answer it as she was going on vacation at the time your letter arrived.

Ms. Sherrill is aware that you have corresponded previously and thinks she has sent you some photocopies but is not certain as to what information they contained.

I have taken the liberty of enclosing a brief funeral announcement for Henry Bowman. It would seem to indicate that he was born in 1828. (He was 65 at the time of his death in 1893.) He is not listed in the W.P.A. Death Records of Vigo County, 1882-1920, so apparently there was no death certificate for him, or it wasn't recorded. That's too bad as it might have listed his parents names.

Upon checking the 1850 Ohio Census, I located him in Newberry Twp., Miami Co. pg. 392. He was 22, a cooper, married within the year to an Elizabeth. On the same page I also found two John Bowmans. Both were born in PA (as was your great-grandfather, Henry). Both Henry and the John that was 36 were coopers. Perhaps they were related. Brothers? The other John Bowman was a carpenter, aged 25.

I feel certain that you will not get any help from Vigo County church records as most of the old churches have ceased to exist along with the records. One exception would be St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church.

You stated that Henry Bowman was living in Perry Twp. of Clay Co. in 1880. The first Terre Haute City Directory in which I found him listed (1882) lists him as a cooper at 1223 S. 1st St. The 1879 Directory lists a Thomas Bowman, cooper, res. 427 N. 4th St. I suppose there isn't any connection though it is mystifying.

There are many listings for Henry in city directories between 1882 and 1893. These list his children that you mentioned in your post script plus a Miss Hattie Bowman (1884).

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In 1892 an Elizabeth Bowman, (widow of Augustus) resided at 1007 N. 7th. According to Woodlawn Cemetery Records Augustus died April 13, 1872, aged 49. Another mystery.

There is no mention of Henry on the various Vigo County histories. You might get additional information by writing the Troy-Miami Co. Public Library, 419 W. Main St., Troy OH 45373.

If you would like photocopies of Terre Haute City Directories for Henry Bowman, or census reports, this library charges 10¢ per page plus postage. For \$2.50 we could copy much of the above and mail it.

David N. Lewis

David N. Lewis
Special Collections Clerk

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Wants to know parents of
Henry Bowman - (1893)
- 65
1828

9-16-1987
Bowman, ND
58623

Vigo Co Pub Library
1 Library Square
Terre Haute, In. 47807

Dear Nancy Sherril,

May I call upon your help again? We've
corresponded several times previously! My
relative that I'm researching is Henry Bowman,
my great-grandfather. He moved from Troy,
Miami Co, Oh, sometime between 1870-73 to
Indiana. In a 1880 census we have him located
in Clay Co, Perry Twp. He died in Terre Haute

31 Oct 1893. We cannot locate a death
certificate in Clay or Vigo. ^{He is buried in Hall Cemetery.} My next thought is
to find out if his church would have a record, but
I don't know his church affiliation or what churches
were in Terre Haute at that time. Could
you please do some looking for me? Do
you have church listings of that date? Would
you know ^{addresses} where I write for the various church
records? If you would have any other

no obits.
in Erc. Gazette

1892 C. D. — ^{S. Lawrence} Henry Bowman, cooper & M. Gilman, res. 1223 S. 1st
 Charles H. " " " " " "
 Elizabeth (wid Augustus) res. 1007 N. 7th

1889 C. D. — John I. Bowman, cooper & M. Gilman, res. 1223 S. 1st
 Henry " " " " " "
 Charles H. " " " " " "

1887 C. D. — Henry Bowman, cooper, 1223 S. 1st
 John S. " " " " " "

thoughts as to where I could obtain info
 on him, I'd appreciate your thoughts. Are
 there ^{not in Donnell's index} any county histories? I will very
 happily pay for your research, photo copies, &
 postage!

A sincere thank-you,

Susan D Berglund

* 1882 — Henry Bowman,
 cooper, 1223 S. 1st

1879 — Elias Bowman,
 cooper, res. 427 N. 4th

P.S. His wife was Sarah Elizabeth, buried in Hull, d. 10 Dec, 1922.
 Their son Charles E., buried in Hull, d. 19th Mar 1908.
 (Just in case you need more identification for
 Henry.) Other children Harriet, John Siler, &
 Isaac "Lawrence."

1885 C. D. Henry Bowman, cooper, res. 1223 S. 1st
 John S. " " " " " "

* 1884 Henry Bowman, cooper, res. 1223 S. 1st
 Miss Hattie E. " " " " " "
 John S. " " " " " "

* first entry.

obit
 no church
 mentioned

no obit

1-22-73

Mrs. Dorothy Clark
2032 N. 8th St.
Terre Haute, Inc. 47904

Re: John Andrew Bowman

Dear Mrs. Clark:

Here is additional info regarding the search you
are doing for me on my grandfather:

Per his death certificate:

Name: John Andrew Bowman, Jr.

Mother: Nancy Kight, born in Illinois.

From his niece, age 75 years, Mary Neiter:

His mother: Elizabeth Margaret Miller

His father: George Cornealas (?) Bowman.

As you can see, I get a lot of different names
for his parents, but maybe it will help.

Sincerely,

Edna Shah

Edna Bowman Shah
5930 Theall Road
Houston, Tex. 77066

*John Andrew Bowman, Sr. (w)
Geo. Cornealas Bowman
Nancy Kight (or)
Eliz. Marg. Miller*

*J. J.
John Andrew Bowman, Jr.
b. Nov 6, 1844, TH.
d. Feb 23, 1933, Benton Co, Ark.*

*James "Roy" Marshall
Bowman*

*Edna (Bowman)
SHAH*

not in 1858 TH city dir. no Bauman

" " 1867 " " " no Bauman

1868-9 - Baumann, Tobias, lab, bds Cent Hse.
Bowman F Cooper

(only 1) res 2, Second, near Wilson

1876 - Bauman, Anton, painter, bds s chestn e 9th.
Bowman, Amanda, res. NW cor loc a 20th

_____, Henry, farmer, res. ditto

_____, Jacob, " , res. ditto

_____, Mrs Melinda, cook Henderson House (hotel)

_____, Miss Mollie, res. ↗ wa 4th s Walnut.

_____, Mrs. Sophia, res. w a 1st n Main.

1881 - Bowman (see also Bauman)

Charles, bartender, bds Boston Hse

_____, Miss Ellie, res 414 N. 4th

Bauman, Mrs Barbara, res 225 e of 19th ^{1615 Locust}

_____, Mrs Fredricka, ↗

_____, Henry, bartender, res 14 Ohio

_____, Miss Mary, res 1615 Loc

_____, Mathias A, painter Van shops, res

_____, Peter A., lab, res 1615 Loc

_____, Sophie (wid Geo) res 14 Ohio

~~_____~~

Wk. scheduled Jan 22 -

1. Indexes of Brooklyn
Beckwith
Condit
Cronin
Oskey
Cem. Records
VHS files
Ct. Hse. Marriages
~~Wills, estates~~

January 8, 1973

Mrs. Dorothy J. Clark
Professional Genealogist
2032 North 8th Street
Terre Haute, Ind. 47804

Civil War? ?
pension?

Re: Family of:

John Andrew Bowman

Dear Mrs. Clark:

I wrote to you in July of 1972, from Harbor City, California regarding the above entitled subject. I am now living in Texas, but wish to employ to search for any family information you may have or find.

As stated previously, I am trying to trace my family, the Bowmans.

Born: Nov. 6, 1844
Terre Haute, Ind.
Died: Feb 23, 1933
Benton County, Ark.
Married Nancy Kite in 1867

then.. Married Josie Bassinger Foster who died 1948 (Rogers, Ark.)
From Leland Larrison, Clerk of the Vigo Circuit Court,
I received the following information regarding a marriage certificate; "We did find a John Bowman and Harriet Cook who were married on October 13, 1870; but we find no Nancy Kite." It could be a relative perhaps.

My father, James "Roy" Marshall Bowman, says the Bowmans were supposedly carpenters and farmers, very strongly built, usually barrel chested, and most lived to be quite old. John Andrew Bowman supposedly left Terre Haute, and lived in Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and finally, Arkansas. He homesteaded in Nebraska at one time.

I enclose \$10.00 and authorize you to research additional time not to exceed ten hours, without my written consent. I understand that allows me approximately 13 hours of your time. I am most anxious to receive any information and would appreciate your interest and efficiency.

Encl: ch: 144 (\$10.00)

Very truly yours,
Edna Bowman Shah
Edna Bowman Shah
5930 Theal Road
Houston, Texas 77066

nothing
in Quaker's or
my Cor. file.

Check
unsigned -
returned to
her - 13-73

P & K P. 548 - Moses Carr, son of Thomas & Eliz (Bowman)
Carr, b. 1796, d. 1849 Clark Co, Ill.

P. 405 - Walter W & Eliz (Bowman) Asbury,
had son Jane b. 1843 Henry Co, Ky.

P. 249 - Abram S & Mary C (Bowman) Dutton
had son Mary E b. 1873 Shelby Co, Ill.

P. 127 - David T Crist b. Clark Co, Ill. 1849
rest (1900) near Enid, Okla.
m. 1876 Eliz. W. Asbury, dau of
Walter W & Eliz (Bowman) Asbury.

P. 57 - John & Eliza (Bowman) Stillwell,
had son Benj b. 1840 Tazewell Co, Ky.

February 2, 1973

Mrs. Edna Bowman Shah
5930 Theall Road
Houston, Texas 77066

Dear Mrs. Shah:

Received the signed check and the additional information and have used up the time allotted in the following research:

There are five Vigo County, Ind. histories with the following:

Beckwith's HISTORY OF VIGO & PARKE COS(1880) - no Bowman

Bradsby's HISTORY OF VIGO CO.(1891) - p.75: Joseph Bowman was a Captain in June 24, 1778 with General George Rogers Clark's expedition.

p. 350: in a biog. sketch of Theron Sutliff(1815-1881) his dau. m. Cordelia (one of 8 chil.) m. William Bowman.

p.607: Mathias A. Bauman was mentioned.

Oakey's GREATER TERRE HAUTE & VIGO CO.(1907) - no Bowman.

Condit's EARLY TERRE HAUTE(1900) - no Bowman.

Esarey-Cronin's HISTORY OF VIGO CO.(1922) - no Bowman.

I could find no Bowman in Woodlawn Cemetery Records (city's oldest cemetery begun in 1838); no Bowman in four volumes of Family Bible Records compiled by Vigo County Historical Society; no Bowman in the files of the Society; no Bowman in Vigo County Cemetery Records; and the following from Terre Haute City Directories (first published in 1858): the first BAUMANN appeared here in 1875, the first BAUMAN appeared in 1879, and the first BAUGHMAN appeared in 1898 (in Marriage Licenses, that is) so ---

In TH City Directory, 1868/9=F. Bowman, cooper, res s 2nd near Wilson.
This fits in with your information about woodworking occupation? This is the first of the name I can find.

In 1876 TH City Directory= Bowman, Amanda, res n w cor Locust and 20th
....., Henry, farmer, res. ditto
....., Jacob, farmer, res. ditto
....., Mrs. Melinda, cook at Henderson House
....., Miss Mollie, res. Henderson House
....., Mrs. Sophia, res. w s 1st n Main.

In 1881 TH City Directory= Bowman, Charles, bartender, bds Boston House.
....., Miss Ellie, res 414 N. 4th

(see also Bauman)... Bauman, Mrs. Barbara, 1615 Locust
....., Mrs. Fredricka, res s s Sycamore e of 19th.
....., Henry, Bartender, res 14 Ohio
....., Miss Mary, res 1615 Locust
....., Mathias A., painter Van RR shops, res. above
....., Peter A., laborer, res 1615 Locust
*? Sophie (widow George) res 14 Ohio.

In POUND & KESTER FAMILIES (1900) a good local family genealogy, I found the following references to Bowman: p.548-Thomas & Elizabeth (Bowman) Carr had a son b.1790; d.1849, Clark Co., Ill. p.405-Walter D. & Elizabeth (Bowman) Asbury had a dau. Jane b.1843, Fleming Co., Ky. p.249-Abram S. & Mary C. (Bowman) Dutton had a dau. Mary E. b. 1873, Shelby Co., Ill. p.127-above Elizabeth Asbury, dau of Walter & Elizabeth (Bowman) Asbury m.1876 and moved to Enid, Oklahoma. p.57-John & Eliza (Bowman) Stillwell, had son Benjamin b.1840, Taylorville, Ky.

I rechecked the Vigo County Marriage Licenses at the Court House. They don't seem to add any information you need, but until you find out more, you won't know whether the following is pertinent or not:

Baumann, John G. m. Sophia Kraft - Feb.15,1868 Record Book 4, page 359.

I only copied those of name Bowman who married before 1900:

Bowman, Benjamin F. m. Sarah E. Medearis - April 12, 1892 12-144
....., Chas. A. m. Maggie Wooley - Dec.24,1886 10-345
....., Florence E. m. Daniel E. Miller - Jan. 15,1874 6-299
....., Florence K. m. Anthony W. Bennett - Dec. 26, 1892 12-296
....., Harriett E. m. Timothy A. Thompson - Nov. 13, 1884 9-680
....., John m. Harriett Cook - Oct. 13, 1870 5-334
....., John H. m. Mary A. Halpin - July 19,1899 15-206
....., Laura m. Adolph Farr - Dec. 17, 1881 8-423
....., Mary m. Wm. Huffman - Oct. 6, 1887 10-493
....., Mary A. m. Theodore Snovels - Mar. 8, 1870 5-208
....., Mary M. m. John W. McDonald - Oct. 12,1879 8-9
....., Mary M. m. Wm. R. Stark - Oct. 14, 1875 6-558
....., Matilda m. Isaac Beamer - June 18, 1877 7-233
....., Newton L. m. Frances I. Maddox - Oct. 30, 1878 7-435
....., Richard W. m. Sarah A. Winslow - Mar. 7, 1853 C-B 268
....., Wm. M. m. Cordelia Sutliff - Dec. 31, 1874 6-445

Have you found out whether or not John Andrew Bowman was a Civil War veteran? If so, did he get a pension? You can write to General Services Administration, Washington,D.C. for this info...send his name,dates,locations, anything at all about his place of residence at the time of the war 1861-1865...

If you can think of any other information I might be able to look for here, please let me hear from you again.

Very truly yours,

Dorothy J. Clark(Mrs.Robert I.)
2032 North 8th St.
Terre Haute, Ind. 47804

5-15-86

Bowman, ND

58623

Vigo Co. Hist Soc

1411 S. 6th St.

Terre Haute, IN 47802

Dear Sirs:

I am doing genealogical research on my family + am completely stymied on my great-great grandfather so I'm asking for HELP! Could you tell me where to search next? My relatives are buried in Hull Cemetery in Terre Haute, In. Their vital information is as follows:

BOWMAN, Henry B.

b. 12 Feb. 1828

p.b. ? Penn

m. 24 Mar 1864

p.m. Miami Co., Oh.

d. 31 Oct 1893

p.d. ?

BOWMAN, Sarah Elizabeth Siler

b. 23 Mar. 1834

p.b. ? Preble Co. Oh.

? Miami Co Oh.

(Confirmed) d. 10 Dec 1922 p.b. house in Terre Haute, In.

The Vigo Co. Health Dept cannot find a death cert for Henry Bowman nor does the Probate Court have a record of wills for

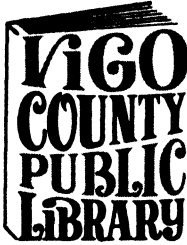
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either individual. Would the newspaper in Terre Haute have published an obituary for these people? If so, do you have those papers microfilmed? Do you loan it out? Is there a fee? Do you do that research + if not, do you have an organization or individual that I could write to for help? Is this obit route the best route for me to take or can you recommend to me another route?

Also, do you have censuses of IN. on microfilm or just Vigo - Sullivan Co? Would you ~~you~~ have them in a booklet form? Indexed? Available for loan? Fee? Do you search? Recommend a searcher?

I appreciate your effort + time that you will take to answer all my questions! And I thank you for your information.

Sincerely,
Susan Berglund
Bawman, ND 58623



Susan Berglund
Bowman ND 58623

May 24, 1986

The Vigo County Historical Society forwarded your letter of May 15 to the library.

I am enclosing a brochure which I think will answer your questions about our collection.

We do have the Terre Haute newspapers on microfilm, and I am enclosing copies of the obituaries of Henry and Sarah Bowman. I hope you can read Henry's; the original was very faint. Note that Henry's death notice says that he died at his residence at 1223 S. First st. Death certificates were not always accurately recorded in the early days.

Volume three of Cemeteries, Vigo County, Indiana by Nelson Eddy and Virginia Wilhoit lists the records of Hull Cemetery. Only one Bowman is listed: Henry, who died Oct. 31, 1889, at the age of 65 years, 6 months and 19 days. This information was copied from the stone, so I feel this must be your Henry. No doubt the date was difficult to read. Perhaps Sarah's stone (if she had one) was unreadable.

You may be interested to know that Hull Cemetery was severely damaged by vandals recently. Many stones were overturned, some of them weighing hundreds of pounds. Other stones were broken and still others defaced by spray paint. So much damage was done that police are sure several people were involved. The Hull Cemetery board has offered a \$1000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the vandals, but so far there are no leads.

The Mormon Church in Salt Lake City has filmed some of the Vigo county courthouse records, and we have copies of the film. The probate records were among those filmed, so we might be able to find something on Henry Bowman in them. However, it would take some searching as these records are not always well indexed. The microfilm is available for loan through the branch libraries of the Mormon Church, so if there is one in your area you could borrow the microfilm.

Please send the library 50¢ for copies and postage.

Nancy Sherrill
Nancy Sherrill
Genealogy Librarian